

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY:

History, Function of Bureau Explained

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"Over two million documents containing information for the intelligence agencies are now Washington each month," Lyman Kirkpatrick, inspector general of the Central Intelligence Agency, said yesterday.

It is the job of the Central Intelligence Agency to carry out the vast screening process needed to sift out and evaluate all this material," he said, adding that at the time of Pearl Harbor the need for such an organization became apparent.

Had Necessary Data

"Investigations after the war have proved that the United States had all the data necessary to predict the attack; but since there was no central group to bring all the facts together, the disaster resulted."

"At last on Jan. 30, 1946," Kirkpatrick related, "President Harry S. Truman issued the executive order to establish the present Central Intelligence Agency."

Allen W. Dulles, brother of the past Secretary of State, is now director of the executive board, and the other members are the heads of the major intelligence organizations such as that of the army, navy, or air force," he explained.

"Though this board normally meets only one each month," he pointed out, "they meet any time of the day or night in times of national crisis."

Several Possibilities

"Even after we have collected all the information pertaining to some situation, there often seems to be four or five possible results."

His job, he said, is to predict the one most likely to occur.

In addition, the Central Intelligence Agency gives the policy-makers a report each morning about what transpired throughout the world on the previous day.

Our job is not an exciting, active one, but rather painstaking, detailed desk work. Our eye is not on hostility and war; instead we are working to preserve the peace."



WAR INTELLIGENCE INEFFECTIVE — According to Lyman Kirkpatrick of the Central Intelligence Agency, proper evaluation of intelligence information could have prevented the element of surprise in the attack on Pearl Harbor.